

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD A BUDGET WORK SESSION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR’S MEETING ROOM.

- THERE WERE PRESENT:

Charles Wagner, Chairman
Wayne Angell, Vice-Chairman
Leland Mitchell
David Cundiff
Bobby Thompson
- ABSENT:

David Hurt
Russ Johnson
- OTHERS PRESENT:

Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator
Christopher L. Whitlow, Asst. County Administrator
Vincent K. Copenhagen, Director of Finance
Sharon K. Tudor, CMC, Clerk

Chairman Charles Wagner called the meeting to order.

BRIEFING ON PROPOSED FY’ 2009-2010 COUNTY BUDGET
Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator, presented the following worksheet:
FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
3RD BUDGET WORK SESSION FOR FY10 BUDGET

AFTER MEETING WITH SCHOOL STAFF, WE HAVE AGREED THAT THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS ARE AN ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF THE FY10 SHORTFALL FROM FY 09 BUDGETED LEVELS:

Analysis of School Budget Shortfall				
March 31, 2009				
	County (Local)	State	Total	% Reduction
Current Net Decrease	\$ (368,388)	\$ (1,497,666)	\$ (1,866,054)	-2.3%
Adjust for Windy Gap Oper	\$ (755,792)		\$ (755,792)	
Adjust for Windy Gap Capital	\$ (497,752)		\$ (497,752)	
TOTALS	\$ (1,621,932)	\$ (1,497,666)	\$ (3,119,598)	3.78% of \$82,623,187

Analysis of County Funding Reductions				
March 31, 2009				
	08-09	09-10	% Reduction	
Total Proposed General Fund	\$ 75,004,264	\$ 71,560,801	-4.59%	
General Fund Without Schools	\$ 44,219,128	\$ 41,144,053	-6.95%	
Gen Fund Without Schools, Capital, Regional Jail	\$ 39,270,153	\$ 37,785,484	-3.78%	3.78% of \$39,270,153

Franklin County					
Comparisons with Other Counties					
Source: Virginia Department of Education 2010 Projections					
		Franklin	Campbell	Culpeper	Tazewell
Real Estate Tax Rate		\$0.46	\$0.46	\$0.61	\$0.58
ADM		7,080	8,391	7,231	6,586
Composite Index		0.3885	0.234	0.434	0.2318
State Share		41,056,295	54,600,817	35,960,454	43,533,162
Required Local Share (Per State)		18,598,892	12,249,644	19,436,325	10,261,633
Proposed Local School Funding 2009- 10		30,383,762	24,159,000	30,981,344	12,182,812
% Above State Required Funding		63.4%	97.2%	59.4%	18.7%
Per Pupil Local Spending		4,291	2,879	4,285	1,850

Other pertinent data for the Board’s information:

- 1. 31 letters sent out to first round of employees affected by either a possible reduction in hours or layoff. All were professional positions. Dollar savings still to be determined.
- 2. 64 additional first year teachers notified that they may not be renewed next year, actual number to be affected unknown at this time. Law requires teachers to be notified by April 15. Dollar savings still to be determined.
- 3. Actual flexibility on usage of stimulus funding still being determined. May create a “freeing up” of local dollars to be used elsewhere of 10-30% depending on interpretation. 8 of 11 elementary schools are Title I. Some of the stimulus money can be used for construction, but can also be used to avoid layoffs and most likely will be used there.
- 4. Savings from Early Retirement estimated to be approximately \$200,000 and shown in School Budget as part of the POSSIBLE TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL BUDGET OR OTHER BUDGET SECTION REDUCTIONS, SECTION 1.01. Some other retirements are anticipated that are not included in early retirements (employee will retire and move away thereby not being eligible for early retirement provisions that require work days to be given during the year).
- 5. A new “overhead” revenue is included in next year’s budget from the School’s Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$131,969 for electrical costs and overhead.
- 6. Some employees who are being reduced from 12 month employees to 10 month employees will be paid hourly for summer work.
- 7. Fuel is currently \$1.12 below next year’s budgeted amount plus there is \$576,544 in reserve for fuel (all type) increases.

General discussion ensued.

CANCELLATION OF BUDGET WORKSESSION/THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009

The Board concurred to cancel the previously scheduled budget work session for Thursday, April 2, 2009 @ 6:00 P.M.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING/PROPOSED FY’ 2009-2010 COUNTY BUDGET – APRIL 20, 2009 (RESOLUTION # -03-2009)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to authorize staff to advertise for public hearing the proposed FY’2009-2010 County Board for April 20, 2009 @ 7:00 P.M with the following tax rates:

Real Estate	\$0.46 per \$100 assessed valuation
Personal Property	\$1.89 per \$100 assessed valuation
Machinery & Tools	\$0.60/\$0.27 per \$100 assessed valuation
Merchants Capital	\$1.08 per \$100 assessed valuation
MOTION BY:	David Cundiff
SECONDED BY:	Leland Mitchell
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:	
AYES: Mitchell, Cundiff, Angell, Thompson & Wagner	
ABSENT: Hurt & Johnson	

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING LOCATION

The Board instructed staff to meet with school administration to work out the advertised location to hold the budget public hearing scheduled for April 20, 2009.

Chairman Wagner adjourned the meeting.

CHARLES WAGNER
CHAIRMAN

RICHARD E. HUFF, II
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR